



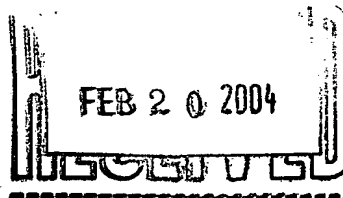
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Applicants: Christophe P.G. Gerald, et al.
Serial No.: 09/866,248 Examiner: J. F. Murphy
Filed: May 25, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1646
For: DNA ENCODING MAMMALIAN NEUROPEPTIDE FF (NPFF)
RECEPTORS AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 6, 2003

OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the October 6, 2003 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 6, 2003 Office Action was due January 6, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action. The fee for a one month extension of time for a large entity is one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00). A check for one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) is enclosed. With a one month extension of time, a response is now due February 6, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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In response to the October 6, 2003 Office Action, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.